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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, under the subheading "STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT," please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] ~~Not applicable~~ The U.S. Government has a paid-up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of Grant No. NIDDK 38016-12 awarded by the National Institutes of Health.